Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 19 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 20 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 18 Oct 2021 at 15:42 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low confidence for extent of low cloud on Tuesday, and of any rain on Wednesday. High for a change to colder and winter like conditions at the end of this week.

Headline for Tuesday 19 Oct 2021: Cloudy with rain at times, most persistent in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 19 Oct 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG							
Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	30%	30%	30%	50%	70%	30%

Forecast for Tuesday 19 Oct 2021

Weather: Cloudy with rain at times across all ranges, the rain most persistent and occasionally heavy through the afternoon. Best chance of drier conditions will be in the morning, especially in the north of the area. Drier weather will develop through the evening, but still some patchy rain lingering in the north.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance in the sheltered north and east

Visibility: Only small amounts of low cloud expected in the morning, although more exposed ranges of the west coast (mainly Skye southwards) may see more persistent see cloud down to 400 metres. Visibility becoming poor more widely from the southwest as the afternoon progresses, as a combination of rain and low cloud develop. Low cloud down to 600 metres becoming widespread as the afternoon progresses, but northern Sutherland and Easter Ross may remain clear until late afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	42/54 SW	40/52 SW	34/43 SW	27/35 S	20/27 S	22/30 S	23/32 S	26/37 SW	29/42 SW
900	41/54 SW	40/52 SW	33/42 SW	26/34 S	18/25 S	20/28 S	21/30 S	24/35 SW	28/41 SW
600	28/40 SW	28/40 SW	23/32 SW	18/26 S	13/21 S	13/21 S	15/24 S	18/29 SW	21/35 SW
300	11/37 SW	12/37 SW	8/29 SW	6/24 S	4/17 S	5/17 S	6/22 S	8/28 SW	11/33 SW
Glen	12/28 S	10/24 S	7/20 S	8/20 S	6/15 SE	8/17 SE	9/22 S	12/26 SW	15/30 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	8/2	8/2	8/3	8/4	9/5	9/5	8/4	8/3	5/-0
900	9/3	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/6	9/5	8/4	6/1
600	11/6	11/6	11/7	11/8	12/9	11/9	11/8	10/7	8/4
300	13/11	12/10	12/11	13/12	13/13	13/12	12/11	12/10	10/8
Glen	15/13	14/13	15/14	15/14	15/15	15/14	14/13	14/12	13/10
Freezing Level*	2300m	2300m	2300m	2400m	2700m	2700m	2400m	2200m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong summit winds will lead to some drenching conditions in any rainy conditions that develop on Tuesday, best chance of cloud free summits will be in the far north and east given some shelter from the southwesterly winds.

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Oct 2021

Weather: Mainly dry with some bright or sunny intervals, the odd shower possible across the west. Widespread rain and low cloud will spread from the northwest later in the day, this may turn to snow from late evening at higher elevations.

Maximum wind: Westerly gusts to 35 mph on the higher tops

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%

Visibility: Very good with good air clarity, some patchy cloud above 700 metres. Becoming poor in low cloud down to 600 metres later in the day, and in any snow after dark

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 9 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius, falling to zero Celsius later
Freezing level: 1200 to 1500 metres, falling to 800 metres late evening

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